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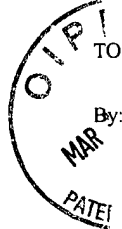
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Heng Liao

Application No.: 09/538,132

Filed: March 29, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROGRAMMABLE LEXICAL PACKET  
CLASSIFIER

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6523

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.